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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of John W. Shaffer

) Group Art Unit: 2879

Serial No.: 09/925,582

) Examiner: Joseph L. Williams

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For: Amalgam Retainer

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2004, for which the shortened statutory period for response is set to expire three months after said date, please reconsider the above-entitled Application in view of the following amendment and remarks. A Petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a), extending the time for responding to the current Office Action for two months to August 9, 2004 accompanies this Amendment.